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Mr. CJ Ciaramella
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P.O. Box 55819
Boston, MA 02205-5819

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request No. 2014-002 – Acknowledgement Letter

Dear Mr. Ciaramella:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG), dated October 7, 2013, and seeking, in summary, records pertaining to a named third party (copy enclosed for reference). DHS-OIG received your request on October 17, 2013, and assigned it the above-referenced tracking number.

Your request has been placed in the queue for processing in the order in which it was received. We anticipate responding to your request within 20 business days. Please note, however, that the actual time required to respond to your request depends on how many responsive records and the types of records identified and located in our records search. Please be assured that DHS-OIG will respond to your request as expeditiously as possible. We are using our best efforts to process all requests with due diligence on a first-in, first-out basis. We, therefore, appreciate your patience as we proceed with your request.

We have not yet made a decision on your request for a fee waiver. We will do so after we determine whether fees will be assessed for this request.

Should you have questions, please contact us at 202-254-4001 or foia.oig@oig.dhs.gov. Refer to the above-referenced tracking number if you contact us regarding your request. If we require additional information, we will contact you.

Sincerely,

Traci Quan
FOIA/PA Disclosure Specialist

Copy of FOIA Request

From: 7004-25935837@requests.muckrock.com
To: [FOIA_OIG](#)
Subject: Freedom of Information Request: IG investigation into DHS agent Angel Echevarria
Date: Monday, October 07, 2013 11:16:27 AM

October 7, 2013
Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General
245 Murray Lane SW
Mail Stop - 0305
Washington, D.C. 20528-0305

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I hereby request the following records:

All documents related to the Office of Inspector General's investigation of DHS agent Angel Echevarria. This includes complaints filed, processing notes to Freedom of Information Act requests, and any disciplinary actions taken as a result of the investigation.

On April 11 2008, Echevarria, an agent with the Federal Protective Service, was involved in an automobile accident. Shortly after, the other party filed a complaint with the Office of the Inspector General due to Echevarria's behavior.

On Sep. 7 2013, Florida news agencies reported Echevarria had been arrested and charged with three counts of aggravated assault with a firearm and one count of firing into an occupied vehicle.

This article should provide all the relevant background information:
<http://thefederalist.com/2013/10/07/at-dhs-accountability-is-just-another-word-for-looking-the-other-way/>

If some of these records are disclosable and others are exempt, please provide the disclosable records and let me know the exemption(s) preventing disclosure of the rest. Please note that according to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b): "Any reasonably segregable portion of a record shall be provided to any person requesting such record after deletion of the portions which are exempt under this subsection."

I also request that, if appropriate, fees be waived as I believe this request is in the public interest. The requested documents will be made available to the general public free of charge as part of the public information service at MuckRock.com, processed by a representative of the news media/press and is made in the process of news gathering and not for commercial usage.

In the event that fees cannot be waived, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

CJ Ciaramella

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